

Chico Central Little League Divisions

Rookie (T-Ball) - (Ages 4-5) Rookie Ball is the introduction level for young players to the basic fundamentals of the game, and to the concept of team play. Batting is done off a Tee with a soft compression ball (the size and look of a real baseball). No scores are kept. Everyone wins.

Farm - (Ages 6-8) Farm is an instructional league that continues teaching the fundamentals of the game and building player confidence. The pitching machine throws to batters; the soft compression ball is still used. Hitting is emphasized. Players should be encouraged to swing the bat, there are no walks. Scores are kept, but no team standings.

AA Minors (Ages 7-10) AA Minors is our transition division from Machine to Kid Pitch. Live player pitching is introduced with coach assistance. The soft compression ball is still used. This is an instructional league that emphasizes the fundamentals. Coaches are encouraged to develop many pitchers on their team. Players should be encouraged to swing the bat, there are no walks. Scores are kept, but no team standings. Post season playoffs (Central only).

AAA Minors (Ages 8-11) Players are drafted to teams. AAA Minors is an instructional league that allows players to continue building and refining their fundamental skills. Players are allowed to steal bases and strategy is now being introduced. A real baseball is used, and the players are pitching exclusively. Game scores and team standings are kept. Post season playoffs and TOC's are first experienced at the AAA Minors level. Only 11 year-olds are required to play in AAA – 10 year-olds and below may not be drafted and may be assigned to a AA team.

Majors - (Ages 10-12) Players are drafted to teams. *This is Little League.* Majors division is still an instructional level, with a competitive edge. Player skill level is much higher than that of AAA. Advanced play is faster and pitching becomes more consistent and accurate. Strategy becomes an integral part of the game. Even though exposure to all positions is encouraged, at this level kids will start to play at limited positions. Game scores and team standings are kept. Post season playoffs, TOC's, and All-Stars; the LL World Series is the culmination of Tournament play. Only 12 year-olds are required to play in Majors – 11 year-olds and below may not be drafted and may be assigned to a AAA (11 & 10 year-olds) or AA (10 year-olds) team.

Intermediate (50/70) (Ages 11-13, mostly 13) Players are drafted to teams. This new division is played on a slightly larger field (50 feet to the pitching rubber, 70 feet between bases) and is a transitional division, preparing players to move to the larger diamond. Leads, steals, and pick-offs are allowed in this league. This division includes postseason playoffs, TOC's and All-Stars.

Juniors (13-14) and Seniors (13-16). Please see a league board member for details on these two divisions.